

LIFE IN THE METROPOLIS

**DASHES HERE AND THERE BY THE
SUN'S REPORTERS.**

Fun in the General Sessions—How Col. Fel-
lows Obeded Recorder Hackett's Order.
Hugh Montgomery was tried yesterday in the
General Sessions for stabbing John Mullan. Hugh had
no lawyer. Recorder Hackett looked over the court
room and told some one to summon for the defense.

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The New Jersey public took to the proceedings of the Hudson County Court today with an interest unparalleled by that which has attended any trial in the history of the county. The case was called by the veteran Commissioner of Public Works and Mr. Garret Vreeland, one of the oldest, wealthiest, and most esteemed residents of the county, will be called before Judge Nedetzki at 10 o'clock for arraignment. It is known that the defendant, who is a resident of the county, will be the extreme allowed by the law, and it is generally declared his intention to send both to a prison and to a workhouse.

During the week Mr. Vreeland has laid out a stick in the ground, and has been very busy in the matter. He is a new lawyer, but his mind is in such condition that he finds far that the indictment of the defendant is a very serious matter. He is a very good man, and his physical and mental condition, together with the fact that he is a resident of the county, is such that he is very much interested in the case. He is very much interested in the case, and he is very much interested in the case.

Mr. Vreeland was in attendance at Gracie Park today.

his resignation as Commissioner of Public Works, with effect on the day following April 1st. It is reported that he has made arrangements for the disposal of his property, which is supposed to be worth \$250,000 or \$300,000.

The sentence of the Court, whatever it may be, will doubtless be subjected to the review of the Court of Errors and Appeals, and the defendants will make prolonged effort to avoid payment of the penalties.

Elaborate preparations for the Opening of the Great Central Theatre.

The fall and winter season of the Union Square Theatre will open about the 15th of August, under the continued proprietorship of Sheridan Shook, but the general managerial superintendence of A. M. Palmer, who has been assigned to Mr. H. H. Bakken, at present of the Avenue Theatre, while W. M. Marston, late of the Grand Opera House, will be the principal scenic artist. Extra attractions will be given, and the management has planned the establishment a first-class outdoor theatre. The opening piece will be from the pen of Victor Sardou and was written by the distinguished dramatist. The play is entitled "The Late of the Fifth Avenue Theatre," who paid him a large sum in gold. The

On Wednesday afternoon the body of a man was found in the woods near Timothy Eklund's estate in Franklin square. Eklund said. His throat was cut from ear to ear. It was at first supposed that he had committed suicide. Coroner Hicks held an inquest, and a burial was arranged under the name of John Eklund. It now appears that this man was Christ Eklund, a famous California actor.

A Thirty-three-Year-Old Will Declared Void
The jury in the case of Laura E. Bolton against James Janka and others, recently brought in a verdict for the plaintiff. This case has occupied the entire Court this week for several days. It is an elegant matter brought by the daughter of Theodore D. Bolton, who obtained possession of a part of the property from his father, who died in 1914. After his death Mrs. Burrows offered for probate a will bearing date 1919, making Burrows the residuary legatee in real estate.

A Burglar Arrested by a Civilian.

that the person was an intruder she roused herself, went down stairs and notified a neighbor, Mr. W. E. Massey. That gentleman went up and found a bulky thief, apparently from the neighborhood, who was wearing a dark suit and a heavy overcoat. He was wearing apparel, Mr. Massey stated, which was not his own and he said his struggle lasted while he was in the Prince street police station. While on his way to the police station, Massey stated, he saw a figure of a man and a woman, who he stated, he thought were going to give the prisoner up to the police. He stated that he was not sure of this, but he thought officer enough to take care of this kind of cattle, and he thought he was enough to handle the man, who at the time found him. Massey said he met Officer McDaniel, to whom he gave the prisoner over, and he stated that he saw a key and other burglary tools were found in his possession. He gave his name as William Massey, aged 70, and was said as a notorious thief, belonging to the

A Peace Maker Killed.

Henry Duggan of 120 Seventh avenue, and Patrick McLean of 404 West Twenty-seventh street, slain, fought on Saturday night in a stable conked with the stone yard where they worked. Bern O'Connor, an acquaintance of the men, ran to the stable in anticipation of stopping the fight. Just as he did he heard the men shout "Go on, go on." The blow struck O'Connor on the head and fractured his skull, he died next morning.

When the coroner and the boarder elicited these facts, when the case was given to the jury they returned a verdict declaring that the death of O'Connor was the result of an accident, and exonerating Duggan. The state attorney thought that O'Connor's death was caused by Duggan but that Duggan did not intend

Col. Claffin's Command.

The Veteran Guards, the colored organization of which Col. Tenney C. Claffin has accepted the command, has been in existence two years, and numbers about 200 members. Company A, commanded by Capt. W. H. Claffin, was organized at New Orleans, La., on Wednesday, the 29th of May, 1894. It is strong, and commanded by Capt. Claffin, became Company C of the Veteran Guards. Capt. Claffin is a native of Louisiana, and therein will formally assume command on Wednesday.

James McCartney Acquitted.

The trial of James McCartney for killing

ward Carroll last Christmas in a liquor store kept by prisoner at Eighth Avenue and Thirty-fourth street. Carroll told the jury that he had been in the store for the purpose of purchasing a bottle of gin and tonics. He said that he had been in the store for the purpose of purchasing a bottle of gin and tonics. He said that he had been in the store for the purpose of purchasing a bottle of gin and tonics.

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The Disturbing Communist.

Yesterday morning Constantine Christensen, the notorious Communist, who on Wednesday afternoon endeavored to incite a riot toward the members of the band of the "Orange Republicans" was held by Judge Hogan in \$500 bail. He was arrested in Florida, at St. Petersburg, because his associates.

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New Deal in the Special Sessions.

The Police board have made the following changes in the staff of the special Seasons: John W. H. Randolph, Robert H. Pacy, supervisors and H. W. Brown, 12th district, were removed. James Shaw, 14th district, Joseph Moore, 15th district, appointed in their stead.

The Death of Romeo.

CHICAGO, Jan. 1—The celebrated elephant, Romeo, one of the oldest and said to be among the United States, valued at \$2,000, died here this afternoon. His body has been presented to the Chicago Museum of Natural History. His skeleton will be mounted and placed in the museum.

Died at 45 years.

The venerable artisan Robert Churchwood, 76 years of age, dropped dead in Maiden lane while loading his cart. His body was taken away to his home in the city and a post-mortem.